

House Resolution No. 4634

Whereas, it is with great pride and sincere admiration that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives honor treasured residents of the Show-Me State who have experienced the joys and blessings of a prosperous marriage; and

Whereas, seventy wondrous years ago on December 2, 1938, Lewis Harold "Bud" Martin took the hand of his beautiful bride, Mary Ida Ropp, as they began their commitment to a lifetime of shared love and devotion by exchanging wedding vows during a solemn ceremony in Springfield, Missouri; and

Whereas, in the years since that heavenly day, Lewis and Mary Martin have had the pleasure of raising four children, Dr. Donald D. Martin, Ltc. Darrell R. Martin, Dr. Barbara N. Martin, and Patricia E. Martin, and the privilege of spoiling seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, a World War II veteran of the United States Navy, Lewis Martin is known as a dedicated family man who generously provided his loved ones with a comfortable home and secure future through his successful endeavors as an employee of Phillips Petroleum, from which he retired following thirty-three years of service; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and outstanding homemaker, Mary Martin further distinguished herself by working at TG&Y for twenty years prior to her retirement; and

Whereas, Lewis and Mary Martin, both of whom are fifth generations Missourians, have found the road to happiness by putting all of their energy, love, and ambition into their marriage and by knowing that a successful union is built upon such strong qualities as sacrifice, dedication, and honesty; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Martin, residents of Independence, will commemorate the truly glorious occasion of their Seventieth Wedding Anniversary on December 6, 2008:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in extending our most hearty congratulations to Lewis and Mary Martin for their tremendous success in achieving seventy years of wedded bliss and in wishing them only the best as they continue their journey walking hand-in-hand along life's path; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Harold Martin, as a measure of our tremendous esteem for them.

Offered by _____
Representative Bill Deeken
District No. 114

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 4634, adopted November 17, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker